

## **REMARKS**

### **Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant submits herewith a new information disclosure statement and a new copy of the Shanley reference. *on 1/23/04*

### **Drawings**

The drawings stand objected to for the alleged errors with respect to reference signs 115 and 117 in Figure 1. Additionally, the drawings are objected to because, in Figure 3a, the first two requests are both labeled "1" when the second should be labeled "2". Applicant submits herewith markup drawing correction proposals (marked "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes") and replacement sheets (marked "Replacement Sheet").

### **Specification**

The disclosure was objected to due to the phrase "width of with". This phrase has been corrected.

### **Claims**

Claims 11-14 are objected to as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. Applicant has removed this problem by amending claims 12-14 to depend only upon 1 claim each, with 11 remaining multiply dependent.

Claim 48 is objected to for the inclusion of an incomplete phrase after the word element. This phrase has been deleted.

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 21 of copending application number 09/784,244 (docket no. **P11018**, entitled “Improved Response And Data Phases In A Highly Pipelined Bus Architecture”).

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 39 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 55-57 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,609,171 (applicant docket **P6133**) to Singh et al. because claims 1, 2 and 7 are allegedly generic to the bus agent claims 55, 56 and 57 and claims 55, 56 and 57 allegedly fall within the scope of claims 1, 2 and 7. Also, claim 39 of the present application is allegedly generic to the bus agent of claim 55 and claim 55 allegedly falls entirely within the scope of claim 39.

Claims 33-38 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 58-63 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,609,171.

Claim 43 stands provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 21 of copending application number 09/783,784.

Claim 47 stands provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 22 of copending application number 09/783,784.

Claims 55 and 56 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 55 and 57 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,609,171 in

view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,487,621 to MacLaren.

In order to expedite prosecution in this case, applicants submit herewith terminal disclaimers to overcome the levied double patenting rejections, reserving the right to argue the individual patentability of these claims.

Conclusion

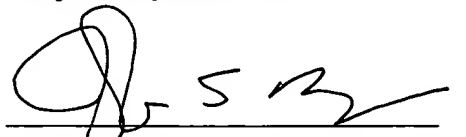
Applicant has given at least one reason justifying patentability of all claims, and has not attempted to point out the numerous ways to justify patentability of all the different claims. Applicant reserves the right to argue additional reasons as well as to explain the patentability of the dependent claims.

Applicants submit that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there is a deficiency in fees, please charge our Deposit Acct. No. 02-2666.

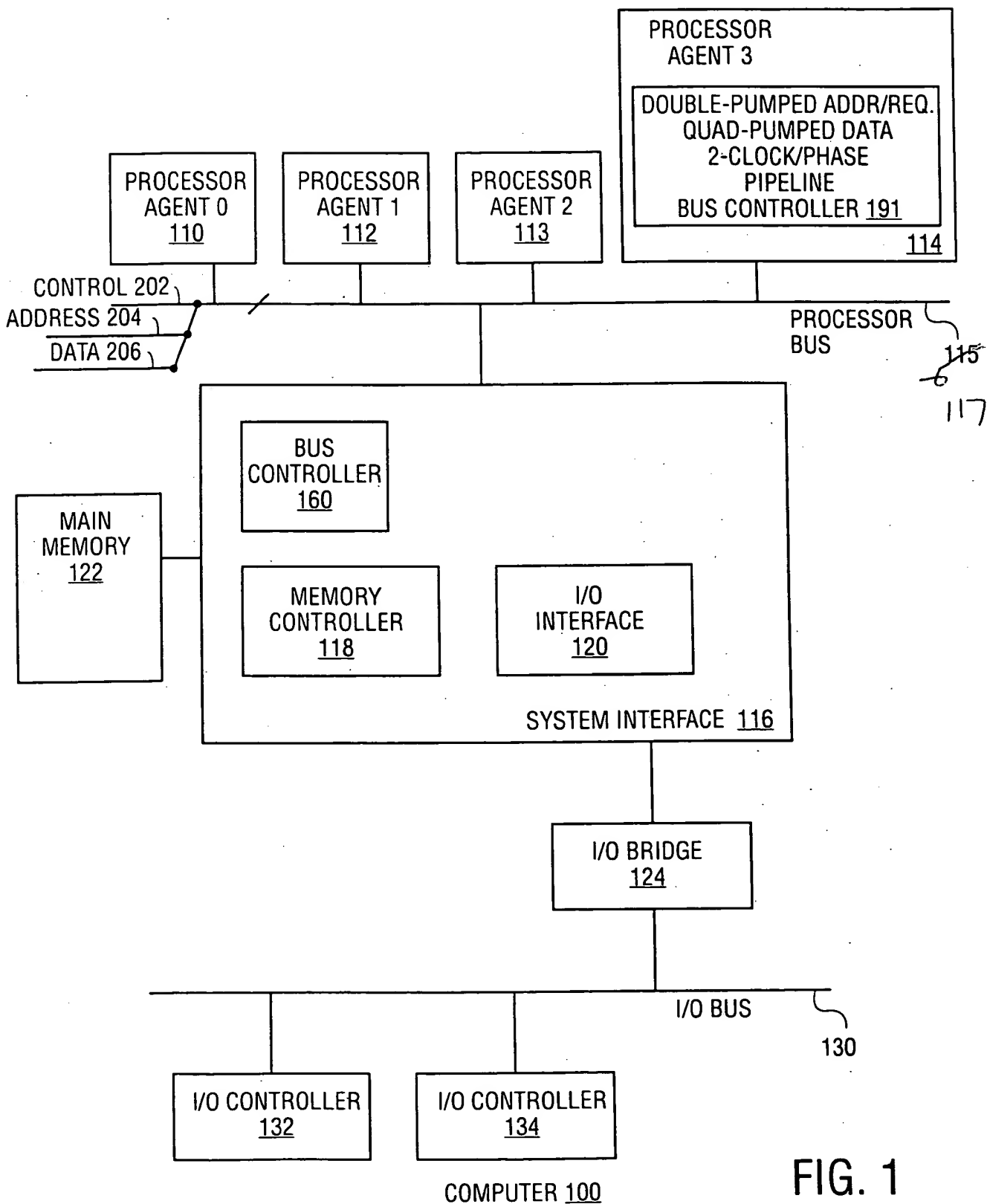
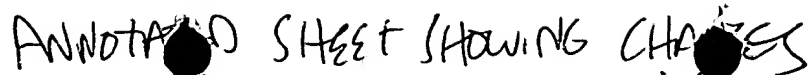
Applicant hereby requests a one month extension of time be charged to our deposit account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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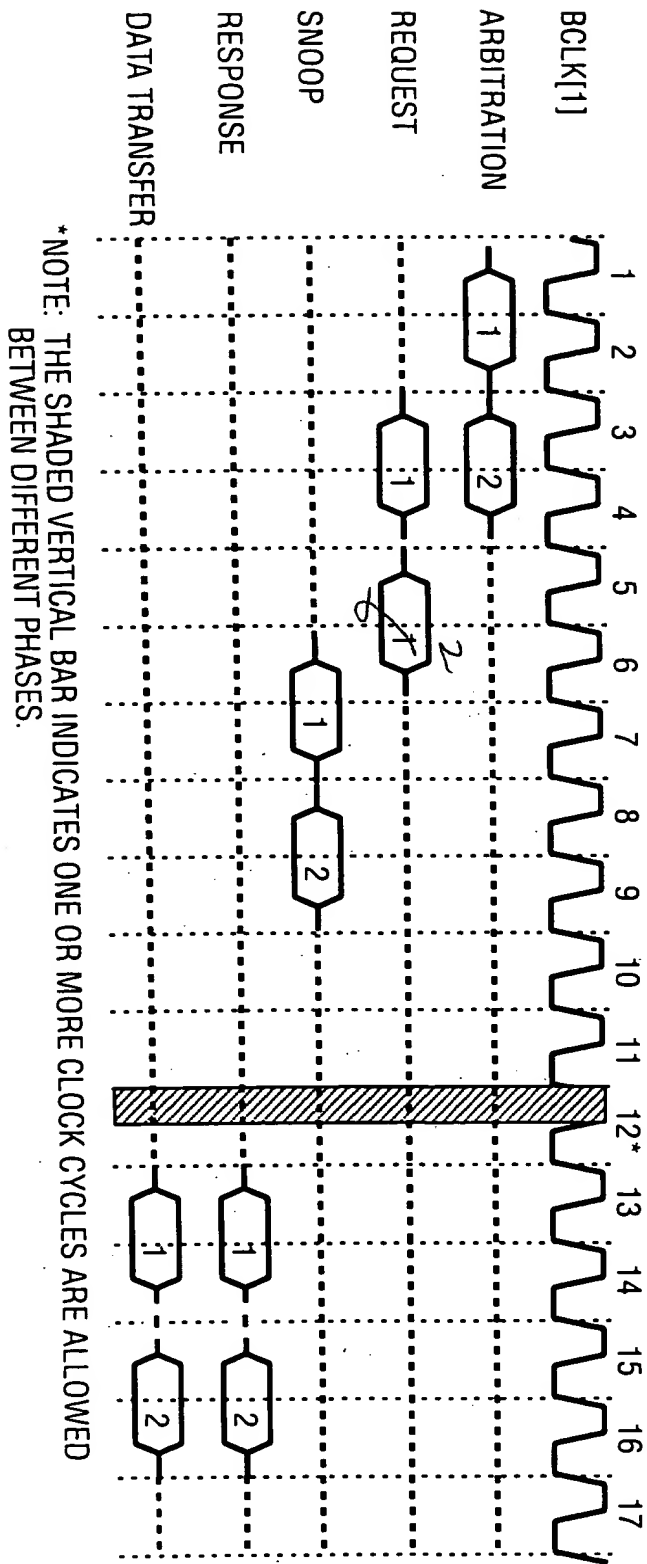


FIG. 3A

